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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT
 TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In late July 1955, single-engine and twin-engine aircraft repeatedly made local flights, including flying informations of three and four. In early August, twin-engine aircraft repeatedly made local flights. ¹

2. In late July, two masts, about 25 meters high, with Discne antennas were observed south of the airfield, outside the fence and in line with Stroebitzer Dorfstrasse. ²

3. The following motor vehicles were observed within the area of Cottbus military post : Trucks and sedan

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4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield

12 August. No air activity was observed. A total of 8 Yak-18s were parked on the southern edge of the landing field and 5 Yak-11s were parked in front of the hangars.

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5 September. Four Yak-11s took off. It was observed that the pilots looked on their maps before taking off. Seven Yak-11s were parked near the hangars and 12 tarpaulin-covered aircraft were seen on the edge of the wood. Yak-11 were identified. ¹

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5. Motor vehicle were seen in Cottbus military post.

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6. The Funker-Kaserne at Cottbus was occupied by VPL.

7. In the morning of 11 August, there was intensive air activity by Yak-11s over the vicinity of the town of Cottbus. The planes took off and landed at Cottbus airfield and were aloft for about 10 minutes. The planes flew individually and in elements of two at an altitude of about 300 meters. At about 1430, three details, each with a strength of about 40 men, commanded by two VPL officers left the air base. The two first details were equipped with submachine guns and the third detail with carbines. ¹

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8. Captain Buerk (fmu) was still chief of the administrative section of Cottbus military post, to which Senior Lieutenant Wilhelm (fmu) was also assigned. VPL members observed at the administrative section wore silver-white bordered light blue collar patches. 4

9. The following motor vehicles were observed in the area of Cottbus military post:

<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Tank Truck</u>
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1. [redacted] Comment. Two battalions of Aeroclub Cottbus are apparently stationed at Cottbus airfield. Training with Yak-11s and Yak-18s was reported previously. So far training activity with twin-engine aircraft has not yet been observed. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The two Discosse antennas south of the airfield are reported for the first time. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The occupation of Funker-Kaserne by the VPL has been confirmed by previous reports. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. Captain Buerk and Senior Lieutenant Wilhelm have been reported previously. 25X1

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